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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

OUR DUTY.

Our College Session is now in full swing and everything in working order. We as undergraduates of a well-ordered University have elected our officers to their positions of honour, thereby declaring our trust in them and our confidence in their ability to fulfil the duties of those offices with credit to the various bodies who have elected them; at the same time, we feel they will do credit to our Alma Mater. They have been chosen with thoughtful judgment as being the best fitted to accomplish that which is required of them in their respective departments.

So far we have done well and wish them every success; but, just as the greatest general that ever lived could never have won a battle without the help of every private in the ranks, so we cannot expect our chosen leaders, good men and all as they are, to make their undertakings successful if every man amongst us does not contribute his share of work. We can all have a *hatchet*, though we are not all George Washingtons. For every one that has ten talents how many there are with only one! Don't underestimate the assistance you can give because it is small; as Shakspeare has it: "Heavens make our presence and our practices pleas-

ant and helpful to him." You are not expected to do more than what is reasonable, but you *are* expected to keep up your end of the log. McGill is part and parcel of Great Britain, so that it is perfectly natural for her to expect every man to do his duty. So "all hands to the pumps," boys, and let us make this year one of the best our University has ever seen, not because we have a few bright and shining lights, but because every undergraduate of our University is imbued with a spirit of cheerful helpfulness that will share the labour and lighten the burden of those who have the heavy end of the log to carry.

L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE.

The question of University feeling in McGill, as opposed to a faculty or class feeling, is one which is yearly growing in favour with McGill students. It has, however, more than once been hinted that such a sentiment is dreamy and impracticable, and that those who advocate the importance of it are indulging in what might be termed college cant. The following extract taken from the *Red and Blue*, the paper of the University of Pennsylvania, goes far to prove that there is something in reality in this feeling, and that its importance is recognized in other colleges besides our own:—

"We extend a hearty greeting to the freshmen, and urge upon them their responsibility as Pennsylvania men to further her interests in all ways as far as within them lies. Let them act together, keep class rivalry subservient to Varsity spirit, and support University institutions. The outcome of this will be an ever increasing college spirit, which will augur well for success in all ways."

We can only add our hearty assent to the thought conveyed in this paragraph, and assure our readers that even at the expense of a little ridicule the FORTNIGHTLY aims at extending among McGill students a living, real, and practicable "University feeling."

GOOD TASTE.

Although the duties and responsibilities of the Editorial staff of this paper have never been clearly defined, yet the fact that to them is entrusted the issuing of a paper, which is designed to give expression to the feelings of McGill students, as well as to record matters of general college interest, entails upon them certain duties and responsibilities.

One of these duties is to suggest anything which may

appear to them to tend towards the welfare of their readers.

In most Colleges, McGill included, there are always certain vague notions regarding customs which should be followed. These are more in the form of general principles, as, for example, the feeling, prompted by a natural *esprit de corps*, that, if on any occasion disputes should arise between the undergraduates, such disagreements should be kept strictly within the College walls, and not aired for the benefit of the public. We might extend this further and say that a justifiable pride should cause our undergraduates to endeavour invariably, as far as possible to present to the public an unbroken front, and to keep all symptoms of internal dissension out of sight of the public. This idea, we think, has a hazy existence among us, but it unfortunately happens that it is frequently overlooked.

Almost as sure as any trouble or cause of disagreement arises between the students of the different Faculties, some enterprising reporter springs up, who inveigles a report from a student on one side of the dispute or the other, and this gives him matter for an amusing article which invariably puts us all in a most ridiculous light. We may blame the reporter for this, but it is not his fault; that is the way he makes his living; we and we alone are to blame for our lack of *amour propre*.

Annoying as this is, it is surely much more so to find that some of our own students, of course unthinkingly, rush at once into print and endeavour to fight the matter out before the reading public.

This appears to us to be both most impolitic and very bad "form." Surely there is no necessity for it.

It should be remembered that student-politics, which are and should be to us most important, are of little or no interest to the newspaper public; and when letters appear from the students on College matters, they are generally passed over in contempt, or read with the same amused interest which often tempts elderly gentlemen to stop and watch two small boys fighting in the street.

If any unfortunate event should cause dissension among the governing body of McGill or among the Faculties themselves, every effort would be made, we venture to say, to keep it as far away as possible from public knowledge.

We feel certain that if the students themselves think over the matter quietly they will come to the conclusion that it would be to the advantage of their College as well as themselves, if it were distinctly understood by all of us, that, when any dispute or faculty antagonism springs up, every endeavour should be made to keep it within the College gates.

If any one wishes to give expression to his opinion on college matters, the columns of the FORTNIGHTLY are open for publication of all letters which are written in moderate language.

A UNION CLUB FOR MCGILL.

We call the special attention of all students and friends of McGill to the article in this issue from the

pen of Dr. J. G. Adami, the Professor of Pathology. It comes quite *apropos*. The scheme which he advocates so heartily is one that should meet with the commendation of all lovers of the University.

Our buildings are so scattered, and there are so few opportunities for intimacy between the students of the different departments, except upon the campus, that it is difficult for them to realize that they form parts of an organic whole. This is an evil to be found in every institution where there are no College dormitories, and the students are compelled to lodge out, as is the custom in the Scottish Universities. The action and re-action of mind upon mind, the rubbing off of useless corners and the resulting polish, are after all perhaps the chief advantages to be gained from University life. The training tells in after life even more than the subject-matter taught. Men should be taught how to think. Any scheme by which our students can be brought into closer relation one with another merits the serious attention of all lovers of education. A healthy rivalry will be instituted, broader and more liberal views will be reached, and the happiest results will follow,—results which will be of far-reaching character and of lasting benefit not merely to the students but to the country at large.

STUDENTS ON THE CAMPUS.

Friday, the 20th instant, was a gala day at Old McGill, for on that day the University Athletic Association held the most successful field meeting that has ever been held by the students of our *Alma Mater*. The day was glorious; just such a day as the Committee and the Students in general had been wishing for, and had been beseeching "Steve" to send them. The sun looked down from a clear blue sky, and yet it was not so warm that even the contestants were inconvenienced. It would have been hard to have remained in-doors to study on such an ideal day, even though there had been no special attraction outside, so it was not surprising that McGill, almost to a man, spent the day on the campus. The friends of the students were present in large numbers as well. The oldest graduate does not remember when so large a crowd of spectators assembled at any time in the past on the College grounds, to watch the sports. Every spot from which the contests could be seen with advantage was taken possession of early in the afternoon, and was not vacated until the rush began for the Molson Hall after the last event. The small-boy was there in full force, and caused much trouble to the Committee and to the representatives of "the finest," who kindly favored the Committee with their valuable assistance. He mounted the fence, covered the roof of the dressing-house, climbed into the trees, and all too frequently trespassed upon the forbidden ground within the ropes. But wherever he was, he yelled like—well—like the small-boy; and that is pretty bad. Of course, everybody else did not signify their approval in whispers, we must remember. But the enthusiasm was not confined to the undergraduates and the kindergarten, for if these were interested, "so were their sisters, and their

cousins, and their aunts,"—to quote from a classic writer; and we saw several of our grave and reverend professors showing signs of keen interest as well.

There was plenty to be interested in. The hard-working Committee had arranged everything that they believed would tend to make the meeting a complete success. The events of the day fully realized their hopes. The Officers and Committee of the Association deserve the sincere thanks of all the Students. Their position was no sinecure, neither before the 20th nor during that day, though some of their classmates may have felt a touch of envy as they gazed upon the favored few within the ropes, who walked about sporting their badges and walking-sticks with an air of proper dignity.

In the last number of the FORTNIGHTLY, the Secretary of the Association requested that a large number of students should enter the different events, and expressed a wish that several records might be broken. His request was heartily complied with; as many as fourteen having entered for a single event, while in each of several contests there were from six to ten contestants. Moreover, several college records were broken, though the track was not really in good condition. Brown, of Arts, threw the 56 lbs. weight 1 ft. 1¾ in. farther than it had been thrown in any former contest on the campus, making a new record of 22 ft. 7¼ in. McDougall, of Medicine, put the shot 35 ft. 9 in., beating the former record by 1 ft. 8½ inches. Barbour, of Science, ran the half mile in 2 minutes, 2½ sec., and Molson in 2 mins. 3 sec., beating the old record by 3½ sec. Tees, of Medicine, lowered the quarter-mile by 1½ sec. with Barbour only ¼ sec. behind. In the Bicycle Race (first heat), Coussirat, of Arts, ran the mile in 3 mins., 12½ sec., the record having stood up to his performance at 3 min., 20½ sec. Robins, of Medicine, lowered the record in the mile walk to 8 min., 8½ sec.

The Inter-Faculty trophy was won by the Faculty of Medicine with 47 points out of a possible 95; Science won second place, Arts third, and Law fourth. Mr. Campbell, of Medicine, won the Individual trophy with 13 points, having won four first prizes and one third. Tees, of Medicine, had 9 points to his credit; Brown (Arts), seven points; Barber (Sci.), seven points; and McDougall (Medicine), six points.

The following is the result of the different events:—

Kicking foot-ball—1, J. H. Dunlop (Law); 2, G. H. Mathewson, B.A. (Med.); 3, G. W. MacDougall, B.A. (Law). Place kick, 129 ft.; drop kick, 129 ft. 4 in.

Throwing Hammer (16 lbs.)—1, McDougall (Med.); 2, Brown (Arts); 3, Baskin (Med.), 71 ft. 5½ in.

Running Broad Jump—1, Campbell (Med.); 2, Killaly, B.A. (Sci.); 3, Tees, B.A. (Med.), 19 ft. 7 in.

Throwing Heavy Weight—1, Brown (Arts), 22 ft. 7½ in.; 2, Peavor (Arts), 21 ft. 7 in.; 3, Baskin (Med.) *Record broken.*

Throwing Cricket Ball—1, Robertson (Med.), 97 yds.; 2, Donkin (Sci.), 96 yds.; 3, Boucher (Med.).

Hurdle Race (First heat)—1, Tees (Med.); 2, Peppers. (Second heat)—1, Campbell (Med.); 2, Killaly (Sci.).

Putting Shot (16 lbs.)—1, McDougall (Med.), 35 ft. 9 in.; 2, Brown (Arts), 33 ft. 4½ in.; 3, Knapp (Med.) *Record broken.*

High Jump—1, Killaly (Sci.); 2, Bruce (Arts); 3, Campbell (Med.), 5 ft. 3 in.

100 yds. (First heat)—1, Campbell (Med.); 2, Bruce (Arts). (Second heat)—1, Tees (Med.); 2, Irvine (Med). (Third heat)—1, Curran (Med.); 2, Halpenny (Arts).

880 yards Run.—1, Barber (Sci.), 2 min. 23.5 sec.; 2, Molson (Sci.), 2 min. 3 sec.; 3, Fry (Med.) *Record broken.*

One mile Bicycle—1, Bickford (Sci.), 3 min. 20 sec.; 2, Coussirat (Arts). *Record broken.* In the trial heats Coussirat made the mile in 3 min. 12½ sec., and Bickford in 3 min. 19.25 sec., both beating the record, which is 3 min. 20 sec. The old record was 3 min. 20.35 sec.

Hurdle Race (Final heat)—1, Campbell (Med.); 2, Tees (Med.); 3, Peppers (Med.), 20 sec.

440 yards Run—1, Tees (Med.), 54.25 sec.; 2, Barber (Sci.), 54.35 sec.; 3, Molson (Sci.), 55 sec. *Record broken.*

Sack Race—1, Cowan and Baker, tie; 2, MacDougall. Run off—1, Cowan (Vet. Sci.); 2, Baker (Sci.); 3, MacDougall (Arts).

Pole Leap—1, Peppers (Med.); 2, Archibald (Sci.); 3, Baker (Sci.), 8 ft. 4 in.

100 yards Run (Final heat)—1, Campbell (Med.); 2, Irving (Med.); 3, Tees (Med.), 10.25 sec.

Mile Race—1, Brodie (Sci.); 2, Barber (Sci.); 3, Bickerdike (Arts), 4 min. 56.25 sec.

220 yards Run—1, Campbell (Med.); 2, Tees (Med.); 3, Halpenny (Arts), 25.15 sec.

Mile Walk—1, G. D. Robins, B.A. (Med.); 2, King (Sci.); 3, S. P. Robins (Sci.), 8 min. 8.25 sec. *Record broken.*

MCGILL UNIVERSITY RECORDS.

The following are the records made by the men of McGill during the past nine years, counted up to date; Kicking the football—G. H. Mathewson, 168 feet, 5½ inches.

Throwing the cricket ball—C. Ault, 108 yards, 11 inches.

Putting the shot, 16 lbs.—McDougall, 35 feet, 9 in.

Throwing the heavy weight 56 lbs.—J. L. Brown, 22 feet, 7½ inches.

Throwing the hammer, 16 lbs.—N. Watson, 76 feet, 9 inches.

Standing broad Jump—Springle, 9 feet, 11½ inches.

Running broad Jump—H. M. Jacquays, 19 feet, 9 in.

Running high jump—H. M. Killaly, 5 feet, 6¼ in.

Pole leap—Milburn, 9 feet, 9½ inches.

One mile bicycle—Coussirat, 3 min., 12½ sec.

One mil. run—McTaggart, 4 min., 54½ sec.

One-half mile run—Barber, 2 min., 23.5 sec.

440 yards run—Tees, 54.25 sec.

220 yards run—Clark, 24¹/₈ sec.

100 yards run—Kennedy, 10 2⁵/₁₀ sec.

120 yards hurdle—No authentic record, but as far as kept, Connolly, 19¹/₂ sec.

One mile walk—Robins, 8 min., 8 2⁵/₁₀ sec.

Much of the success and pleasure of the day was due to the painstaking and able staff of Field Officers. The students owe the following gentlemen a debt of gratitude:

The Referee, Prof. Chas. E. Moyses, B.A.

The time-keepers:—

Prof. C. H. McLeod, M.A.

" J. T. Nicholson, B.Sc.

W. A. Carlyle, B.A.Sc.

J. Elder, M.D.

The Judges:—Prof. C. A. Carus-Wilson, M.A.

" A. McGoun, M.A., B.C.L.

" T. Wesley Mills, M.A., M.D.

" John Cox, M.A.

Starter—R. F. Ruttan, B.A., M.D.

Clerk of Course—D. D. McTaggart; Asst. Clerk, W. G. Turner.

Measurers—A. Collyer and R. H. Balfour.

Scorers—R. H. Barron, B.A., and B. Anderson.

Judges of Walking—Prof. M. C. Baker and Prof. T. Wesley Mills, M.A., M.D.

Among the spectators were several old friends of McGill who had come to see the sport. Dr. Webster, '91, of Lansdowne, Ont.; Dr. Bowie, '91, of Brockville; Dr. White, '93, of Ottawa; and Mr. Paton, President of the M.A.A.A., watched the contests.

Early in the afternoon Messrs. Salvini and Paul Kester were conducted through the buildings of the Applied Science and Arts Faculties by the committee in charge of the Law, Arts, and Applied Science theatre turn-out; they then witnessed the sports.

The Committee was a little thoughtless when it chose the 20th as Sports' Day, for the Governors of the University were required to be present on that day at a meeting in the Molson's Bank. For three years in succession the field meeting of the McG.U.A.A. has been held on a day on which the Governors met in session, thus preventing their attendance at the sports. We have it on good authority that the Governors look upon this as a slight, and would, accordingly, recommend that the Committee take this into consideration when fixing a date another year.

Many of the teachers assembled in Convention in the city were allured from their deliberations to the college campus.

It is said that a fair Donald was over-heard to remark in the Molson Hall, that she liked "the student that cheers but not inebriates."

Peace and quietness reigned supreme in the Molson Hall until 5.30 p.m., at which hour the last contest was ended. In two minutes the Hall was crowded, and standing room was at a premium, while Pandemonium itself could not have presented a greater scene of uproar. But no one would have stopped the noise if he could have done so, for it was merely the outburst of irrepressible enthusiasm. Of course the McGill cry was quite conspicuous, and the assembly was assured that

Arts and Medicine were all right, while the Science yell rang out sharp and clear. A band of students in one corner had a partiality for singing "Hop along, sister Mary," in season and out of season, while those in another part of the hall were quite anxious to inform the company that "There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea." Several of the leading voices gathered at the head of the stairway, and lead off in some songs in which the students joined with McGill's old time vigor.

The prizes were pretty and costly. Eight silver medals and a gold one were among them. The President, Mr. G. H. Mathewson, B.A., occupied the chair (that is, he stood up and called up the prize-winners), while Mrs. Dr. Alexander Johnson presented the prizes. Each prize-winner was duly cheered and bounced in a way that would make a timid person feel pleased that he had not broken a record on the campus. The cheer with which the Law, Arts and Science men greeted the announcement that Medicine had won the inter-Faculty trophy showed clearly that the best of feeling exists among the Faculties, the croakers to the contrary notwithstanding.

Following are the names of the officers and committee of the McG. U. A. A. upon whom the success of the day so largely depended:—

Officers:—

Hon. President,—Sir J. W. Dawson, LL. D., F.R.S.

President,—G. H. Mathewson, B.A., Med.

Vice-President,—W. Donahue, B.A., Law.

Secretary,—J. C. Hickson, Arts.

Hon. Treasurer,—Prof. C. E. Moyses, B.A.

Treasurer,—H. C. Baker, Sc.

Committee:—

Arts—Bickerdike and Turner.

Law—Cox, B.A., and Barron, B.A.

Medicine—Pritchard, B.A., and McTaggart.

App. Science—Collyer and Balfour.

Comp Med.—Anderson and Cowan.

Theology—Hamilton, B.A., and Leitch.

FOOTBALL.

THE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The McGill Second played their final match in the Intermediate series on Oct. 21, when they defeated Britannia Second by 19 points to 8.

Britannia played their old scrimmage and dribbling game, while McGill trusted to their half-backs and wings.

The McGill scrimmage held and heeled out just like a machine, Drum doing excellent work at centre; Leslie as half-back was perfect; Schwartz on wing worked like a horse, and followed up the ball closely all through the game; Dyer at full-back did not get much to do, but showed that he was fast, a hard safe tackle and a good kick.

Enough credit cannot be given to Lorne Drum, the captain. A less enthusiastic worker or one who grudged the necessary time could never have brought and held together the combination which has won for McGill the Intermediate championship of Quebec for

the first time. The following team represented McGill : back, Dyer ; ½ backs, Baker, Leslie, Lynch ; ¼ back, Rogers ; wings, Cowan, Turner, Switzer, Hill, Schwartz, Donkin ; scrimmage, Hamilton, Lewis, Drum (capt.), Collyer.

The McGill Second defeated the Lennoxville team on Oct. 14th by a score of 31 to 4, on the Lennoxville grounds. In the first half, Lennoxville had the advantage of a fairly stiff breeze, and managed to hold our team down. McGill did not seem to play her combination game, and the wind interfered with those long passes that our half-backs indulge in. However, they got first blood in the shape of a rouge, Riopel then scored a try by a very pretty run, which roused McGill, who forced a rouge, a safety and a touch in before half time, making the score 5 to 4 in their favor.

With the wind in their favor, our Second had no difficulty in running up 26 more points in the next half, Lennoxville failing to score. Riopel, Almond and Robertson played an especially strong game for Lennoxville.

For McGill, Angus and Drum in the scrimmage, and Draper and Schwartz on wing were the stars.

Mr. Hamilton made a very satisfactory referee. The team has to thank the Lennoxville club for a very pleasant evening after the match.

The following were the teams :—

<i>Lennoxville.</i>		<i>McGill Second</i>
Kingsmill	back.....	Leslie
Rothera	}half backs.....	McDougall
Almond (capt)		Lynch
Willett		Baker
Riopel	quarter back.....	Rogers
Matthewson	}Wings.....	Tees
Mitchell		Turner
Sutherland		Cowan
Robertson		Schwartz
Dowdell		Draper
Kerwin		Wilkin
Watson	}Scrimmage.	Alley
Donnelly		Drum (capt)
Stevens		Angus
Johnson		Donkin

Referee, Arthur Hamilton, M.A.A.A.

McGill's chances for the Senior championship went up in smoke on October 21st, when Montreal defeated her by a score of 25 to 3.

The Montreal captain thinks he has the fastest wings in the league, and he is right beyond question. The McGill wings are fast, but they are not in it with Montreal either for speed or blocking.

Our scrimmage played a hard game, but their heeling out was of no avail, for the Montreal wings were down on our half backs like a flash as soon as the ball was passed to them.

Every match shows more and more clearly that the wings are becoming a most important feature in a team, and where these are outmatched the game must be lost. The Montreal back division is very good, but not particularly better than ours, while our scrimmage could hold their own without much difficulty. The following were the teams :—

Montreal.		Sherbrooke.
Branch	back.....	Brunnelle.
Savage.....	} ½ backs. {	Molson.
Fry.....		Trenholme.
Hagar.....		McDougall, R.
Ward.....	¼ back.....	Gaudet (capt.)
Buchanan (capt).....	} Wings. {	Rankin.
Higginson.....		Primrose.
Jamieson.....		Jacques.
Monsarrat.....		Proderick.
Baird.....		Draper.
O'Brien.....		McDougall, G.
James.....	} Scrimmage. {	Dunlop.
Routh.....		Guthrie.
Poff.....		Angus.
James.....		Alley.

Quebec Seniors defaulted to McGill Seniors on October 14th, and apparently did not care to play off the championship match on October 16th, as McGill suggested. The consequence is that the Rugby association has dropped the Quebec first team out of the league.

McGill Third defeated Montreal Third on October 14th in the championship series by a score of 6 to 2.

A heavy rain prevented any brilliant play by the back division, the ball being in the scrimmage the greater part of the time. Dyer at full back played a star game ; Molson by a very pretty run scored a try, which was not converted. The following team represented McGill :—

Back, Dyer ; ½ backs, Molson, Trenholme, Drinkwater (capt) ; ¼ back, Davidson ; wings, Schwitzer, Hill, Sutherland, Mowat, Bishop, Balfour ; scrimmage, Hamilton, Lewis, Collyer, Russel.

HOCKEY.

A meeting of the McGill Hockey Club was held on Saturday evening, October 14th, in the Arts Reading Room. There was such a small attendance that the meeting was postponed till the middle of next month.

Every man intending to play hockey should attend this meeting, when officers will be elected for the coming year. As our Freshman contingent includes some of the best hockey players in America, McGill should have a very strong team this year ; though unfortunately we are entered in the Intermediate series only. It will be a great pity if more interest is not taken in Hockey this year by the Students in general.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN MY EASY CHAIR.

I am a gleaner after Time.

We see in newspapers, at intervals, notices of oddly-addressed letters passing through the Post Office ;—turning over the pages of a scrap book a few evenings since, I unearthed a number of *bona fide* ones, which I noted away back in the ages. My brother kept a branch office in one of the London districts for several years, and we jotted down all the strange addresses which passed through our hands. I pledge my word

for their genuineness, and they have the additional interest of being innocent of type hitherto:—

To an old lady who on Ionnon (*London*) bridge sells froot.

Uncle John Hopposite the Church, Londen, England.

Guys hospital Charity ward day nurse from No. 6 with a bad aucle.

39 Cornhill
Mann.

Missis Carr
to be left
at Mister Leshmar
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Isle of Wight,
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Colney Hatch,
Lunatic Asylum.

For keen victins
at Wincer casel
London

For Queen Victoria,
Windsor Castle.

Fine Hart Departwint
greson cort
cristol palis
Sildnom.

Grecian Court, Crystal Palace,
Sydenham.

And the following unique specimen by some obscure poet :

To Miss Bayman at Romford this letter's consigned,
Mr. Postman make haste and convey it,
A Confectioner's shop in the Market you'll find
So pray do no longer delay it,
But hasten with speed,
And bear it away,
The postage is settled,
There's nothing to pay.

Whether they found their way to their destination,
this deponent saith not.

H. M.

OUR DRAMA.

We are gathering again from various pursuits and recreations, from all parts of the country, to participate in the common delight of work and play at McGill. There are so many of us, and we have doubtless spent our holidays in so many different ways, that an account of some of our doings may not be uninteresting to the rest of our colleagues.

We found our pleasure nearer home than those who sought the flowery glades of the Pacific Coast; we experienced less fatigue than he who strained his eyes endeavoring to take in all the wonders of the White City; but we had as much unalloyed bliss as the youthful pair of doves whose honeymoon bills are paid by a wealthy papa. Where, you ask, is this Elysium, this terrestrial paradise? I respond with accents that

should resound from the rocky shores of Newfoundland to the balmy groves of California, and from the frigid regions of Hudson Bay to the feverish coasts of the Gulf of Mexico:—Where else but the Lake of the Thousand Isles? There indeed, where the "moon shines bright and the stars give light," where the evening zephyrs scarcely stir the bosom of the waters from their deep slumbers, and play but a faint æolian strain among the leafy branches of the trees, where canoes glide with their happy loads down shadowy channels or into moonlit bays, and glistening sails dazzle the eyes in the glorious sunlight; there indeed is the Valhalla of Canadian campers and the home of American canoists.

There had you floated down a certain deep dark channel upon a certain evening, you would have seen before you a fairy scene of enjoyment. A rocky shore, against which the ripples broke with murmuring melodies, sloped gently back to where "enthroned upon a flowery rise" a cottage stood, all but concealed by the silver birch whose shining trunks shone thro' the moonlight like the glistening body of a Naiad, and by the lofty elms that fain would shield the Naiad from the too familiar glances of the moon. Upon the slope a goodly company of dames and damosels with their white-suited cavaliers reclined at ease, while before them came and went the gorgeous pageant of an Ancient Court. The flaring blaze of Grecian fire shone on the gleaming shields and armour of the warriors, the royal scarlet, gold, and fur of a king and the many-tinted beauties of his attendants. It was the first presentation of a Drama written for us and us alone, and entitled: "Sigurd the Viking." I beg the literary critics who haunt the corridors of Old McGill to treat it leniently. The rhyme may be forced, the rythm may be halting, the phraseology may be bad, and the three unities may not be exactly observed, but the play served its purpose and gave us one happy evening. May it not be unworthy the notice of the readers of the FORTNIGHTLY.

Wydown.

SIGURD THE VIKING.

A DRAMA
Presented at
"SAGUSTEWEKE"
August 18th, 1893.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

HAROLD—Old Viking. Sigurd's enemy.
SIGURD—A Viking, Athole's son.
DAGOBERT—Sigurd's friend and companion.
ELFRIDA—Daughter of Harold, lost in infancy.
GUARD, Nurse, Peasant, numerous Warriors and Attendants.

ACT I.

(Sigurd enters in canoe disguised as a minstrel.)

SIGURD: The storms, when hideous deaths and frightful wrecks appear,
Rage often in these seas, and timid women quake and fear
With silent hearts, while thinking sadly of the fate

Of many brave and stalwart men, who seek the shore too late.
 But more they dread the fearless foes who, with relentless looks,
 Swarm up our bays and rob our homes, and dye with blood our brooks.
 My youth was spent in joyous games of skill and war-like sport,
 And early were my muscles taught the hardest tests to court.
 I swam and ran and hurl'd the spear with many an older man,
 And oft I saw my father's eyes with pride my prowess scan,
 As through a shield my axe I crashed, or pierced the target's eye.
 While yet a child unused to war, my Dad in victory
 Returned from lengthened cruise with many captives in his crew.
 Among them was a fair-haired child, with eyes of clearest blue,
 And dimpled cheeks so soft and pink, and lips that sweetly smiled,
 She won my mother's heart, and my stern father—sometimes wild—
 To her was more than kind. We grew together side by side,
 Warmed by the same sweet love of father's gentle Irish bride.
 When I first went to win my sword by fighting on the sea,
 Elfrida shed some bitter tears, and said she'd pray for me.
 My mother made an under-vest of softest reindeer skin,
 And lined my helm with fleecy wool, and kissed me on the chin.
 We sailed away with many a cheer,—my sire, he liked to roam,
 But never yet had lost a ship, or robbed a peaceful home.
 We sought adventure far and near, and many strange sights saw,
 And scarce escaped with greatest work the Maelstrom's mighty maw.
 We routed pirates off the coast, 'neath Eriu's sparkling eyes,
 And in the fight, my vessel brave, which I have called
 "Surprise,"
 Smashed in the pirate chief's, and I him prisoner took.
 When we returned, I found my mother and Elfrida look
 With pride on my success, and loaded me with praise.
 A feeling new then found its birth in those still youthful days.
 I loved Elfrida with a love that ever stronger grew,
 But when I to my sire spoke, he said what was quite true,
 That I was young to marry yet : so I was sent away
 To help some distant relatives and keep their foes at bay.
 For many a day in many a port I wandered to and fro,
 And many damsels smiled on me, but none like her I trow.
 So I returned, and still was faithful to my youthful love.
 But ah! what anguish then was mine, to find the dragon's hoof
 Had trampled on the ashes of my old ancestral home.
 Elfrida gone, my mother lost, my father made to roam.
 I bowed my head upon my breast, and wept with bitter tears.
 My warriors brave around me stood, and swore revenge for years.
 A boy came rushing from the hills when our ship hove
 in sight,

And cheered my soul with gladsome news, and set my heart aright
 My parents both were safe, altho' my sire was wounded sore ;
 He said, like wolf upon the fold, Harold came down in gore,
 And wrecked our ancient habitat, and stole my future bride.
 The message from my father was, that with my warriors tried,
 I should away to Harold's den and give his carcass cold
 To birds to tear and winds to sport, and raze his castle old,
 Unto the ground in ruins quite, and slay his fearful crew.
 And so we've come. Around yon point my ship awaits anew,
 With four and twenty braves ; and I, I seek an entrance here,
 Disguised with flowing hair as Lohengrin, the ancient Seer.

(Sings sirenade.)—

Come my love, the stars are shining,
 Time is flying,
 Love is sighing.
 Come, for thee a heart is pining,
 Here, alone, I wait for thee.

(Guard above).—

What ho! Who goes there?

Sigurd.

Lohengrin, the Seer, am I. I've travelled far
 In my frail bark to sing of Harold's victories, and now
 Await an entrance.

GUARD.—Attend below. I'll see my lord.

(Exit),

SIGURD.—Now Odin and Thor, ye fearless gods, lend me your nerves,

That from this awful place I may escape with my Elfrida dear.

(Enter Harold in royal robes, and attended by numerous servants).

HAROLD.—Welcome to our halls, old man. The minstrel will always find a cup of mead and vacant seat in Harold's home. In good sooth thou art most timely in thy coming. To-night we celebrate our royal son's betrothal to Elfrida. Enter, then, and make ours a joyous feast.

SIGURD—(aside.)

How tritely his vile tongue slips over her dear name.
 Scarce can I keep my hands from off his throat, the hoary villain fiend.

(To H.)—Let Harold lead and I shall follow fast.

Oft have I heard of Harold's fame on sea, in battle
 and in love. It shall I sing right cheerfully.

(Exit.)

ACT II.

SCENE I.—(Harold, Sigurd, Elfrida and attendants descend from castle ; vessel waits on shore.)

HAROLD.—Mine old enemy Othere, the Blue Tooth, has gone, my spies report, in search of adventure, and left his fields and home defenceless. Now will I wreak my long-delayed vengeance, and carry off his wealth. Call forth my thanes and vassals. (Bugle.) Now, men, once more we start upon victorious tour. A golden bracelet will I give to him who first opes Othere's doors. To all I promise bounty large, and wealth. Haste ye! Leave no preparation unattended to.

SIGURD.—Would that I once again were young! Then should I teach these striplings how to wield the axe. Then should I win your golden arm-ring not for its worth, but for the fame.

HAROLD.—Nay, my good minstrel, rest thou here, and cheer the drooping hearts of tearful maidens and older men. Thou hast well earned thy ease. Let younger men to war. Elfrida, I'll hasten back with many a present rich with which to deck thy wedding dress. Fear not for my return, nor that of this, my bold, brave son.

(Enters ship, and warriors row away; Elfrida sings:—
"My darling heart.")

SCENE II.—(Sigurd, still as minstrel, and Elfrida on shore.)

ELFRIDA.—Oh! minstrel! Hast thou in thy wanderings ere seen good Athole's home, where the brave Sigurd whilom did live? The peaceful rule of Athole is well known; mayhap thou hast rested there of late?

SIGURD.—Aye, that have I. But, alas! not long since did I see the horrid ruins of his halls blackened by some marauder's fire. Athole himself was wounded sore, and Sigurd the stripling off on the sea seeking for his enemy.

ELFRIDA.—Sigurd is a brave warrior. Him have I known from earliest days; and had he been near, no Harold would have torn me weeping from that happy home.

SIGURD.—No! nor will he leave thee long in this robber's den (*throwing off disguise*). Behold him who will carry thee back across the stormy seas and guard thee in safety from all ill. Oh! Elfrida, I remember not when first my love for thee was born. But long I've loved thee with a love that hates to leave thy side. The daily question, love, is, Lovest thou me? And for thy answer now I wait. Nought but duty and obedience to my sire had taken me to Frankish shores, and left thee unprotected. And, when returned, I saw our home in ashes, I swore that ne'er I'd rest till thou wert safe, or I were stiff and cold in death. In this disguise I've sought thee here, to ask if thou dost love me well enough to fly hence and become my bride?

ELFRIDA.—I love thee, Sigurd, with my whole soul. I'd marry thee hadst thou but a paltry thousand a year. To the world's end I'll follow thee, and ne'er be happy but when thou art near. But first remember that I was but a captive in thy father's house. No parents do I know. And yet I have a faint remembrance of a lovely face that I called mother. I think I am of noble birth, and oh! I hope, fit to be your bride, and thou dost love me as thou'st said.

SIGURD.—"Zoe mou sas agapo." Never have my eyes rested on so fair a face, nor my hands held a softer palm. Nor time, nor loss, nor death itself can quench my love for thee. Fly with me, and we will be safe. My vessel awaits beyond the point, and e'en now I expect my trusty Dagobert—(*Loon's cry*) There he is! (answers, and Dagobert jumps from canoe).

DAGOBERT.—How's things, old man? We saw his nibs sail out of the harbor not long ago, and it was all I could do to keep our fellows from taking after him. But I said, the time is not yet. Now, what wilt thou that I should do?

SIGURD.—Run up to the castle and get some rugs, a water-proof and an umbrella. We must not allow the fair Elfrida to take congestion of the lungs.

(Exit. Dagobert).

(S. Embracing E.)—And now, my darling heart, nothing shall separate us more. Here in my arms shall thy resting-place be, safe from all the turmoil and strife of this wicked world.

(D. comes back, and all get into canoe and go off)

ACT III.

(Enter Harold's ship-men chanting.)

OMNES.—Scared by the sharp swords' singing sound
Brandished in air, the foe gave ground,
The boldest warrior cannot stand
Before King Harold's conquering hand.
And the King's banner ever flies
Where the spear-forests thickest rise.
Although the King had gained of old
Enough of F-ya's tears of gold,
He spared himself no more than tho'
He had no well-filled purse to show.
Our dauntless king with Gamle's gore
Sprinkled his bright sword o'er and o'er,
Sprinkled the gag that holds the mouth
Of the fell demon Fenri's wolf.
Proud swelled the warriors' hearts when he
Drove Eric's sons out of the sea
With all their Gotland host.

(Enter Guard from Castle as ship touches shore.)

GUARD.—Hail, Oh King! Thy conquering hand must yet another victory gain.

HAROLD.—What meanest thou, good Thane? Are not these sufficient spoils? Now shall I rest and prepare me for my gallant offspring's wedding.

GUARD.—Pardon, Oh Harold, Not mine the fault, but on me falls the hateful duty of bad news.

HAROLD.—Bad news! bad news! and thou dost jest, 'tis but a sorry sort of humor.

GUARD.—No jest is this, but hard stern fact. Oh! sire. Scarce had thy vessel left the shore yestreen, when he, whom as a minstrel thou didst harbor with thy genial kindness, threw off his disguise of peaceful garb and old man's locks, and stood revealed, thine old enemy—Sigurd. Then was he joined by his companions, all in armor clad, and, together with Elfrida, they made haste away. Mayhap, along the shore thou still mayst find them lurking.

HAROLD.—A horse, a horse; my kingdom for a horse! I'll ride along the shore and search for these base thieves, and by Onar, Night's dark spouse, I'll teach them what it is to rob wild Harold's lair. Whilst I am gone, good Thane, call up my udal-men, unladen my ocean-soates of all their load, and them prepare for battle fierce.

(Enter Peasant.)

PEASANT.—N need, oh King, to ride along the shore. Sigurd and Dagobert his friend have just put out to sea from behind yon rocky point. Thou mayst easily o'ertake them.

HAROLD.—Haste them, my vassals all.

I hear the eagles call

Me on to victory!

My good sword longs for blood,

And soon o'er Sigurd's brood,

Will give me victory.

To be Continued.

THE UNION AND TOWARDS IT.

It is natural upon entering into new surroundings to compare new with old; and however warmly one may appreciate the merits and good points of the new, it would argue a quite too Utopian and unsatisfactory condition of affairs if it were not possible here and there to dis-

cover something wherein the old would seem to have the advantage. It is natural and healthy also, when the newcomer arrives on the scene with his criticisms and suggested improvements, that the old inhabitants, proud of their home and customs, should feel inclined to follow the example of the Lancashire villagers at the mere advent of a stranger, and " 'eave arf a brick at 'is yed." But as I have already received so generous a reception here in Montreal, and have consistently, I trust, attempted to enter to the fullest into the spirit of McGill, I hope that what I am about to say will be met with equal generosity and without even the mildest metaphorical "brick heavings."

In studying University life here, the feature that impresses the graduate of one of the old English Universities very strongly is the almost complete separation of the various faculties—staff and students, to an almost equal degree. This, of course, has its good side; it is a splendid thing for a man to feel that he belongs to a well defined body, to know that his interests are bound up with its interests, and to have something tangible, as it were, for which to work—something with which he can clearly connect himself in the present as well as in the future. The idea of a University, it must be confessed, is not so tangible. But granting this most freely, and appreciating to the fullest the good effects upon each man of a steady devotion to his Faculty, it must be kept in mind that, after all, we in McGill are not members of one or other of a series of specialized and specializing schools in Medicine, Arts, Science, Law and Comparative Medicine (I put these in order of seniority so as to cause the minimum of offence), but are members of McGill, members of a University, and as such should for our own benefit, if for nothing more, attempt to make the most of that connection. Now one of the greatest, if not indeed the greatest, educational advantage of a University is the opportunity there given of gaining knowledge and appreciation of one's fellowmen. It is needless for me to enter into a discussion as to why it is that at a certain age human beings at the same time reveal their sentiments more freely, and judge more rapidly and correctly the mainsprings of the actions of those around them, and why in consequence a University is the best school of men and manners. That alone is the subject for a long essay. Suffice it to say that it is so, and being so, the full advantage of a University education is reaped, not when those of similar tastes, destined to pursue similar courses, congregate religiously together, but when there is a free intermingling of those whose lines of thought and life do of necessity diverge.

But under the present conditions is there any possible way of bringing this about?

Sports of all kinds, it is true, are a notable aid, but unfortunately only a small and picked proportion of the whole body can take an active part in them. They can only therefore be regarded as a great and useful auxiliary. But it seems to me that there is a way—I fancy the only way—one whereby the attachment of each individual to his Faculty would be in no wise weakened, but coincidentally the University feeling

and ideal would be greatly strengthened. I refer to the establishment of a Union Society or Club, of which the whole management should be vested in the members through their representatives elected by ballot, the Treasurer alone being of senior standing.

However small the club house might be at the start, the ultimate aim should be to possess a Library and writing room, a smoke room and reading room, a debating hall capable of holding, if not of seating, all the members, and provided of necessity with a ladies' gallery, while a refectory, where simple lunches and dinners well served at moderate cost could be supplied, would be worth striving after. This scheme may appear aerial, yet it is what the students have obtained for themselves at Oxford, at Cambridge, and in Edinburgh, and in all these Universities the Unions have been productive of the highest good. For not only have the students found in the Union a common meeting-ground, but there has developed a wholesome competition and rivalry among the best and most ambitious men of all the Faculties for the various offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Committee; and the methods there learnt and the training have been of the greatest benefit in after life. From Macaulay onwards a long list might be given of celebrated men who have filled the Presidential chair at Cambridge, and the same is true of Oxford. Edinburgh has started more recently, but is following along the same good lines.

I can recall as though it were yesterday a memorable lunch held in the rooms of a hospitable Fellow of King's, to celebrate the laying of the foundation-stone of a further and important addition to our Cambridge Union Society's building, and hearing old Lord Houghton tell at dessert the story of how, when he was an undergraduate, the Oxford Union invited the Cambridge to send representatives to take part in a debate; how Alfred Tennyson and he, then Monckton Milnes and president of our Society, were appointed and went, and were the guests of the Oxford President—William Ewart Gladstone—at Christchurch. The subject of the debate was whether Shelly (of Oxford) or Byron (of Cambridge) was the greater poet. The Cambridge representatives supported the claim of Shelley, while Oxford, not to be outdone in courtesy, voted by a large majority in favor of Byron.

It was not a very large luncheon party, consisting but of officers of the Union, two special guests, and the small building committee. Why I, who had practically done nothing in the Union, was placed upon that building committee, I never quite understood, unless it was from the fact that having a few blue and white plates in my rooms, I was supposed to be acquainted with old china, and, consequently, to be a man of more architectural taste than the bulk of undergraduates. However, there I was, and now it is interesting to see how, although it is not ten years ago since that luncheon took place, many of those then present who were the leaders in the Union either have made their mark, or are rapidly forging to the front. Poor J. K. S. has written "Lapsus Calami," and given to the world, among much that is better, that oft-quoted couplet:

"When the Rudyard's cease from Kipling
And the Haggards ride no more."

He, as one whom the gods love, has lapsed. G., our leading Conservative orator with his delightful Irish brogue, after alternate experiences of the Salvation Army and the race-course, is sure of his seat in the House of Parliament at the next election. C., the advanced Radical of those days, has followed his father into the Unionist camp, has oddly enough beaten O. B., our host of that afternoon, at the last election, and now, as member for an important division of a Midland county, is looked upon as the most promising of all the younger members of the House. As to M. J., his reputation as a classical scholar and archaeologist is already established, and he has recently added to it in connection with the unearthing of the "Gospel of St. Peter." At least one other is now a Professor. The two special guests, Lord Houghton, the old president, and the young undergraduate of Trinity who had shown a constant interest in the Union, are both dead, the last amid the mourning of the whole British people.

If the Unions at the older English Universities can accomplish this much in bringing forward good men, how much might not a Union at McGill accomplish for Canada, over and above its utility in fostering a sentiment of attachment among its members to something in the University superadded to the Faculty,—in fact, to the University itself?

If such a scheme as this is to be successfully carried out, it must be taken in hand and pushed by the students themselves; to leave it to older members of the University would be a sure sign that the undergraduates had not their hearts in the matter, and would doom it to failure. As to where the money and the building would come from, that again is a matter for the students to discover. I will only say that they had the same difficulty in Edinburgh, and yet they possess now an admirable Clubhouse, and I can testify that they are able to serve an excellent lunch. As to the inevitable fee for membership, well, the Edinburgh student has notoriously what a needy German docent once described to me as "Ueberflussigkeit von Geldmangel," or superabundance of lack of money, yet in his case the wind seems tempered, and he manages to join. If at Oxford and Cambridge, where men of different tastes and studies must be thrown together (as a consequence of collegiate existence), the Union has shown itself beneficial,—how much more good would it be destined to accomplish here, where, in the absence of halls of residence, there is no common meeting ground save the campus and the café?

J. G. ADAMI.

Officer of the Court—"Prisoner at the bar, are you guilty or not guilty?"

Prisoner—"Sure its meeself as 'll wait."

Officer—"Wait for what?"

Prisoner—"Wait and see what kind of a case me lawyer'll make out for me."—*Irish Law Times.*

POETRY.

"OUR BABY SHOW."

As one enters by the gateway,
And meanders up the walk,
He sees no pretty maidens
With never-ending talk.

He sees no College students
Attired in cap and gown;
He sees no proud professors
With high and mighty frown.

He sees no racing schoolboys
As he strolls beneath those trees,
But an endless line of nurses
Rocking babies on their knees.

J. G. S.

SOCIETIES.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The meetings have opened with every encouragement. The Friday evening Prayer Meeting has an increased attendance and interest; half an hour of prayer seems to be appreciated by the Students.

The "Students' Meeting" on Sunday afternoon, opened Oct. 8th, with an attendance of over eighty men, a most encouraging feature being the presence of many new faces, and it was deeply interesting to see many of these men rise and take their stand in college as Christian men; it was a little thing in itself, but has a deep and abiding significance. The report of the "Northfield Students' Conference" was received on Oct. 15th with much pleasure and profit, and if it rests with last summer's delegates, McGill will be largely represented in '94. Nothing could be more desirable.

The membership canvass progresses with encouragement. We gladly welcome new members to the ranks, and trust that the College Christian Association will find and fill a place in the education of every man.

We take this opportunity of stating the kind of members needed:

1. Men who ask questions to obtain a better understanding of the Association and their place in it.
2. Men who at the beginning of their college course take an active interest and continue till graduation with increasing activity.
3. Men who not only avoid evil, but make their influence positive.
4. Men who command the respect of their class.
5. "Acting active members, who will actually actuate others to actual action."

This last qualification is the result of the cerebral activity of a Freshman.

The Committee Re-union on Saturday, Oct. 7th, was a happy introduction to the session's activity. It drew the active workers together in a close bond of union, and as a bird's eye view was presented of the different committees and their work, an observer would be impressed with the motive power there represented.

We take great pleasure in stating that Sir William Dawson will be present at the Prayer Meeting on Friday, Oct. 27th, and will speak on "Bible Study." Classroom I in Arts building should be filled at 7.15 on that evening.

MCGILL MINING SOCIETY.

The first meeting of this Society for the session was held in the old Science building, when the officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Hon. President.—Dr. Harrington.

President.—W. A. Carlyle, Ma.E., M.E.

Vice-President.—A. A. Cole, B.A., Science '94.

Sec. & Treas.—O. C. Hart, Science '95.

The members of the Committee are:

O. E. Whiteside, Science '94.

W. R. Askwith, Science '95.

H. R. Stuart, Science '96.

Although this Society has not been organized a year, the interest and attendance which have been shown at the meetings promise to make it one of the important societies in connection with the University. Meetings are held fortnightly throughout the session, when papers are read on mining and metallurgical subjects by the undergraduates or graduates. These papers are usually followed by a short discussion of the subject.

At this meeting, Mr. E. P. Mathewson, B.A.Sc., of Pueblo, Col., kindly read a paper on "Smelters." Mr. Mathewson is a graduate of the University in Mining, and now holds the position of superintendent of the smelting works at Pueblo, Col. His paper was very interesting and instructive, especially as he pointed out the different and best methods of obtaining metals from their ores. All students of the University interested are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the Society.

DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of the Delta Sigma Society was held on Thursday, the 11th of September. Many of the old members were present and a good representation of the Freshmen class.

After a few opening words on the part of the President, arrangements for the coming year were made. The annual lecture was discussed, and it was finally unanimously agreed that Sir William Dawson be asked to deliver the same.

In former years it has been customary to have the debates criticized; last year the office was almost nominal but the committee were authorized at this meeting to procure critics for the several debates. It is hoped that women graduates will act as such. The meeting then grew intensely interesting, as an impromptu debate followed. Resolved: That it is desirable that women should be financially independent. Miss Travis and Miss Fraser upheld the resolution, and the negative was supported by Miss Ross and Miss Krause. The arguments on the negative were logical and clearly expressed and won the majority of votes. After the meeting many new names were added to the membership list. In every way the prospects of the Delta Sigma Society are very bright.

Y. W. C. A.

The first meeting of the Theo Dora for this session was held on Thursday, the 19th of Oct. Miss Seymour

presided, and, after the opening exercises, gave a brief summary of the work the Theo Dora intended to pursue this year. She then called on Miss Whiteaves to speak on the "Claims of foreign missions on us as women and as college women." Miss Whiteaves' remarks, earnest and to the point, caused us all to realize more fully than ever before how much each one of us was responsible for the evangelization of our sisters in far-off lands.

The meeting was brought to a close with prayer.

MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the winter session of this Society was held Saturday evening, October 14th, the President, L. Y. McIntosh, occupying the chair. Although there was a good turnout of members, we hope to see the number doubled at our next meeting.

After the transaction of business, the President addressed the meeting for a short time, giving a very interesting sketch of the history of the Society from its foundation until the present time, mentioning the names of those illustrious men who, from time to time, have done so much to advance the interests of the Society, and of whom the great majority have now risen to the highest ranks in their profession. He noted the different stages in the progress of the Society from year to year, and predicted that it would make still more rapid strides in the future. He concluded by impressing upon the junior men the great necessity of attending the meetings regularly and taking part in the discussions, assuring them that they would never have reason to regret spending a few hours in the meetings of the Medical Society.

Professor Mills, who had come in during the evening, was then called upon to make a few remarks.

The Professor, who has always taken an active interest in the progress of the Society since the time when he himself was connected with it, spoke at some length in his usual happy style.

He called up some very interesting reminiscences of the workings of the Society in his time, and pointed out how it might attain a still higher degree of efficiency in schooling its members in those acquirements which are of the greatest importance in making a successful practitioner. At the close of his remarks the Professor was tendered a very hearty vote of thanks, and the meeting was adjourned.

CLASS REPORTS.

MEDICAL NOTES.

On Wednesday, the 10th instant, a meeting of the four years in Medicine was held, to discuss the question of having a University Dinner.

A communication was read, asking the Medicals to elect two representatives to meet the representatives of the other Faculties, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of having a united banquet this year. After some discussion, Messrs. E. C. Hart and G. S. McCarthy of the final year were appointed for this

purpose. The general feeling was in favour of having a Faculty Dinner as usual, and the committee were ordered to report to that effect.

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The Medical buildings are undergoing considerable improvement,—and not before they needed it. A large number of lockers have been added this year, and fill a long felt want. A separate cloak-room has been provided for the third and fourth year students. We understand that some additions are to be made to the present buildings and another lecture theatre added. This is a move in the right direction, as the present ones, from continued occupation, afford lessons in practical hygiene too often at variance with our didactic lectures. But we are improving in this as well as in other directions.

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The new Pathological laboratory will likely be ready in a week or two. The basement contains a photographic room, storage rooms and a special place for keeping the various animals used for purposes of research. The first floor will be occupied by the rooms of the Professor of Pathology and the Demonstrators of Bacteriology. Besides these there are cases for the preservation of specimens: incubators, sterilizers and instruments for cutting, mounting, and staining microscopic sections of diseased tissues.

The upper flat has been thrown into one large room, which is well lighted from all sides. This contains a number of tables for the use of the students in examining the specimens provided, and is admirably adapted for the purpose. Probably an extension will be built in the near future. A number of microscopes are to be provided also.

This new laboratory will do much to relieve the congestion of the large building, and will be much appreciated. It is hoped that before long this department will have reached to such proportions and excellence of equipment as to attract graduates from other schools to McGill for purposes of original research.

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During last session some dissatisfaction was expressed by the Students as to the various expenses for delegates, etc., which had to be met. It was decided at a meeting of the four years to put in a committee for the purpose of estimating the usual expenses for the term, and exacting a single contribution to cover all demands.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., a united meeting was held, and the following report was presented and unanimously adopted. This will likely result in a great improvement over old methods.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CURRENT EXPENSES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FOUR YEARS IN MEDICINE.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee consider that the following itemized account of expenditure is at present adequate for the purposes mentioned:

Delegate to	Cab fare.	Hotel Bill.	Pullman.	Ticket.	
(a) Toronto..	\$2 00	\$5 00	\$4 00	\$17 50	\$28 50
(b) Trinity....	2 00	5 00	4 00	17 50	28 50
(c) Queen's...	2 00	5 00	4 00	9 70	20 70
(d) Halifax...	2 00	5 00	8 00	28 00	43 00
(e) Reception committee for dinner (3 men).....					50 00
(f) Expenses Academy night.....					30 00
(g) " for dinner.....					100 00
Total.....					\$300 70

They would also submit the following suggestions for your consideration; that,

1. A fee of \$1.50 be levied on every student to defray these and other expenses;
2. Any student who has not paid this fee will not be eligible to vote at any meeting or to receive office either from his own year or from the Faculty, but may acquire such right by paying all back fees from date of entrance;
3. A general-treasurer be appointed by the third year, who shall receive the collections from the secretary-treasurers of the four years;
4. A finance committee be appointed, consisting of the secretary-treasurer of each year, together with the general-treasurer, whose duty it shall be to determine the amount of each expenditure. The secretary-treasurer of the fourth year shall be chairman of this committee;
5. A majority of a meeting of the four years having decided that an appropriation be made for a certain purpose, it shall be the duty of the chairman of the finance committee to call a meeting of said committee, at which will be determined the amount of the appropriation, the votes of three members being necessary for a decision. He shall then communicate the decision to the secretary of the 4th year, who shall draw out an order on the general-treasurer, sign it himself, and have it countersigned by the president of the fourth year. The secretary shall then forward this order to the person authorized to receive it, to whom the money shall be paid by the general-treasurer on presentation of the order;
6. The president of the fourth year shall have the right of refusing to sign any order for the expenditure of money. In such a case it shall be his duty to call a meeting of the four years at the earliest possible opportunity, and lay the matter before them. The decision of a majority of this meeting shall be final;
7. The president of the fourth year shall at any time call a meeting to discuss any question with regard to expenditure, on receipt of a request signed by any ten men who are eligible to vote. A majority of this meeting shall decide whether or not an expenditure shall be made;
8. An annual meeting called by the president of the fourth year shall be held during the first week of the winter session, at which the general-treasurer of the past year shall present his financial statement and at which his books shall be audited and handed over to the newly appointed treasurer.

JAMES PRITCHARD,

Secretary.

SPORTS' NIGHT AT THE QUEEN'S.

McGill owned the streets of Montreal last Friday night. It was Meds' night at the Queen's Theatre. At 7.15 p.m., the disciples of Esculapius met at the University gate, with the usual appurtenances of good spirits and ferns. With them assembled the Veterinary Faculty and the Medical students of Bishop's College.

Down the street they marched with banners streaming, the band of the Victoria Rifles at the head, making the welkin ring with the war-cry of Medicine and Old McGill. At the doors of the Theatre was a seething mass of humanity, packed like sardines in a barrel, assembled to see the fun. Two by two the boys marched in, three hundred or more, in perfect order, to the martial strains of the band, amid all the glories of gas, blue-fire, and sky-rockets. Once in, they filled the "gods" to the ceiling.

The Queen's was lavishly decorated with flags and festoons of red and white,—the University colors. Above the stage was a huge streamer with the word "Welcome" upon it. From the balcony drooped the flags of the respective Faculties.

Below, a goodly company of people were assembled to absorb an evening's mirth, among them many of the "Old Boys," who were there to see that Medicine was "all right." In the boxes were several of the Professors and Demonstrators, who received quite an ovation. A number of nurses from the M.G.H. also graced the proceedings with their presence.

During the performance most admirable order was kept by the Students, and only when the curtain was down did they make things hum,—and they did that to perfection.

The play was very amusing, and the company, who all wore rosettes of McGill ribbon, presented it in an admirable manner. Miss Barry, Miss Lynne and Mr. Hackett received well deserved applause, and were several times recalled. "Hannah" acted remarkably well, and was here, there, and everywhere attracting much attention by her clever acting.

Between the acts it was the Students' turn. The singing was remarkably good all through, and was marked by a swing and precision that evinced careful preparation and reflected great credit upon the trainers. At times the blending of the tenor and bass, with the added advantage of the orchestra, was very rich, and produced a flood of tone. Mr. Edwards of the Second Year conducted, and did it with a great deal of vim. One of the features was a new song written by Mr. Frank Feron, which has been submitted as a Faculty song for the new song-book. It took admirably. Mr. Feron sang the solo himself, and did it well, although the setting was a little high for his deep voice. The chorus was very fine, and came with great effect from the hundreds of clear voices. Among others who sang solos were Messrs. Scott, Edwards, Tetrault and Lee. When all was done so well, it would be invidious to make comparisons, but perhaps mention might be made of "Daisy Bell," "Litoria," and "Son of a Gambolier." An instrumental quartette of mandolins and guitars

made an agreeable variation in the programme. At the close of the first part a magnificent basket of flowers tied up with McGill ribbon was let down by a wire to Miss Barry, who gracefully bowed her acknowledgments. Miss Lynne received a similar offering at the close of the second part. Mr. Hackett was also the recipient of a box of cigars sent down by the same precarious method.

Mr. Hackett kindly gave the Gipsy dance from Carmencita at the end of the play. He made up extremely well, and his dance was very graceful and much enjoyed.

At the close of the performance the procession reformed, headed by the band, the president of the Second Year wearing the historic grey "tile." When Mr. Hackett and his company appeared, the horses were taken from the carriage, and they (not the horses) were dragged along in the procession by scores of willing arms, accompanied by shouts that seemed to cleave the vital air; even the frisky and festive electric car had to stop. Two by two the procession advanced, dragging the carriage after them, till they reached the Balmoral Hotel, where Mr. Hackett made a speech, thanking the Boys for their reception. The Students then left to serenade the various professors, and succeeded in routing out the People's Jimmy, who gave them one of his characteristic speeches.

On Union Avenue they were met by the procession of the Faculties of Law, Arts, and Applied Science, who halted and gave three cheers for Medicine. The Meds. in turn cheered their confrères with hearty good will, and then the band struck up "For they are jolly good fellows," which all the Faculties sang with great enthusiasm. They finally passed on in mutual amity, and it was an early hour the next morning before the last shouts of "What is the matter with Old McGill?" died away in the distance and the streets settled down to their wonted repose. Altogether, the evening was the best that the Students have ever had.

TRI-FACULTY NIGHT,—LAW, ARTS, SCIENCE.

McGill, what's the—But no, it is no use trying to speak above a whisper to-day. (Oct. 21st, 1893).

What a time we had last night! The McGill yell still sounds in our ears mingled with class cries; the whole consommé spiced with enquiries as regards Jimmy McShane's third term baby, a twin to which was offered him.

Law, Arts, and Science attended the Academy last night together. The Faculties proper were represented by three professors from each, who occupied stage-boxes which were very prettily decorated for the occasion; the Students were represented by themselves, to the number of three or four hundred.

The Science men formed under their year banners in front of their own building, and marched up to join their confrères in Law and Arts in front of the Arts Building. A diagram of the order of the procession had been drawn up and placed in each building, showing the position of each year in the "procession." The "Boys" aided very considerably the work of the commit-

tee and marshals by falling into their proper places in a most orderly manner. The march started at 7.10 p.m., and a great sight it was. The three Faculty banners were carried together in front, directly behind these came the senior year in Arts, followed by that of Science, behind whom came the students in the Faculty of Law with the representatives of Laval, the other years following in order of seniority.

Up in front with the banners marched Mr. Paul Kester, the clever and charming young playwright whose name has been for sometime connected with that of Signor Salvini.

Four hundred tickets had been disposed of by five o'clock in the afternoon, and the holders of these formed of course the great part of the procession, but there were a great many outsiders who brought up the rear.

The usual route down McGill College Avenue and along St. Catherine to Victoria was taken, the boys singing and giving the college yells to their hearts content.

The arrangements made by the Academy management for the entry of the students could not have been excelled, every man in that big procession had entered the front door and had obtained his seat in the "gods" before a single ticket was sold at the wickets, and the crowd quickly filled up any spare room that was left by the students.

As soon as the men got seated, the boys gave the first intimation of the orderly conduct which characterized the whole evening by responding promptly to the committee's request for silence, while the evening's programme was sketched out.

The University yell was first given, and then the whole body joined in the separate Faculty cries, after which each separate Faculty cheered the others. The Laval representatives were then presented and well received. Mr. de Salaberry made a neat little speech in Laval's behalf. Mr. Paul Kester was next introduced, and given three rousing cheers.

Then the men settled down to sing, and they did it well, reflecting credit on the hard work which Messrs. Duclos and Becket had done in the practices.

As each professor appeared in the boxes, he was welcomed by the whole crowd, irrespective of Faculty or profession. Not only were the professors taken notice of, but sundry Students who had strayed from the narrow paths of the gods' stairs into the wide and pleasant way of the orchestra chairs, received the outspoken sympathy of their poverty-stricken but supremely happy brethren up above.

The orchestra opened the "hall" with a selection of college airs, which called forth wild applause and a considerable amount of unexpected vocal assistance.

Once the curtain went up, perfect order was restored, and all through the play the Students did themselves credit by their behavior, and showed the public plainly that although when they start to make a row once a year they throw their whole hearts and vocal organs into it, yet, at the same time, they can act in a perfectly natural and gentlemanly way, and those people who are imbued with the idea that Students generally are a

species of wild men might possibly have learned a lesson from them in quiet conduct at the proper time. Once or twice a slight interruption was unthinkingly started, but the originators thereof were promptly sat upon.

Of the play itself, the "star" Salvini, and his admirable troupe, no criticism can be attempted, for his splendid acting and the grand support he received could only obtain applause from us, and any criticism would have to emanate from far greater and more competent critics than we are.

At the close of the first act, after the Arts song, Mr. C. D. White, Law '96, sang the solo of "Kingdom Coming," the boys joining in the chorus. Later on, one of the Laval men sang the verses of "Le Brigadier" in grand style, and what the boys lacked in Parisian accent in the chorus they made up in heartiness. The third soloist of the evening was Mr. Wright, whose tenor voice did full justice to "Listen to de story dat I tell"; the Undergrads did listen until the chorus, when they themselves took about four hundred "hands in."

If the people down-stairs thought that the gods had reached the limits of applause and cheering and yelling before the end of the third act, they soon discovered their mistake. The curtain had no sooner gone down than a student-Bellam broke loose. Good gracious! how the fellows did yell while the ribbon-entwined gold-mounted cane was being lowered down to the great actor.

Attached to it was an enormous placard reading as follows:—

Presented to ALEXANDER SALVINI,
by
The Students of Arts, Law, and Science,
of
McGill University.

Time will not permit us to give our own account of the rest of the evening. The following is taken from the *Herald*.

Mr. Salvini was quite affected, and his hands twitched nervously as he placed them on a chair beside him, and it looked for a moment as though there was going to be a genuine case of stage fright. After thanking the Students for their gift, he went on to say that his profession was one in which it was his duty to speak the lines of others rather than to compose his own thoughts in words, and they would therefore have to make allowance for any failure on his part to adequately express the feelings of his heart, which had been profoundly stirred by their kindness. He paid a high tribute to McGill as an institution, ranking it on equality as to endowment, equipment, and results, with the best the continent contains. In closing, he said that when old age should lay its hand upon him and he should seek the support of the very handsome cane which they had just given him, if his little grandchildren should chance to ask him who had given him this beautiful cane, he should have the greatest pleasure in answering that it was from the Boys of Old McGill.

This was received with loud applause, and the Boys

immediately began with one accord to make the usual staccato enquiries as to what the matter was with him, and having learned that he was all right, took up the refrain "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

At the conclusion of the fourth act handsome bouquets were lowered to Madame Salvini (Maude Dixon) and Miss Elinor Moretti, who gracefully bowed their thanks and received the kind assurance that they were certainly "all right."

When the curtain rang down, the Students sang "God Save the Queen," and when Mr. and Madame Salvini were ready to depart, the horse was removed from their cab, and the boys drew them to the Windsor in the usual hilarious and triumphant manner.

LEGAL BRIEFS.

Lost! Strayed! or Stolen! the Legal Class reporter. Why, chappie, I hardly Saw yer!

One of this year's addition to the Irish contingent added another "jewel" to the crown of their happy speeches, by referring in a debate some time ago to his opponents as "our friends the inimy;" and this same man does not generally make a Mull-in matters of this kind, as he is a rattling good speaker.

Say, boys, that first lecture in the Bills and Notes course on Credit was a beauty. How I longed for the presence of my tailor and shoemaker and the rest of my creditors, in order that they might understand what a grand system it is.

"Give me ten cents." That "bold-faced turkey," the bird of wisdom, was perched up in its usual place on Sports' night. "Its owl right."

In our lectures on the Law of Persons, we were told that one of the few grounds which might form a basis for annulling a marriage was a mistake as to the person of one of the contracting parties. Look out, you legal benedicts and fellow-students, have you never been told that "you're not the man I took you for?"

What a racketting time we had on Sports' night. It is a thousand pities that Old Cujas, friend Du Moulin, and the Dalloz family, were not with us, for from the style of their writing they must have been such jolly rollicking good fellows!

MEDICAL CLASS REPORTS.

Who was it that got struck in the neck with the soda-water siphon?

Matrimony is a queer thing. It converts a sighing lover into a loving sire.

Echoes from the Theatre: "Well, well, well!"

"What is the difference between a sophomore and a freshman?" "The difference is of a more theoretical than actual nature."

Prof. to class in Ophthalmology:

"By this operation you get a serviceable stump, to which a glass eye can be subsequently affixed so perfectly as to deceive even a Fourth year student at the examination!" We presume that the patient would not be able to see through the deception himself.

Mr. Frank Feron has written a song for the Medical Faculty, to be submitted for approval to the Song-Book Committee. It is set to a very melodious air, and was sung with great gusto at the Queen's last Friday.

The Third Year men are thinking of competing next year for the walking prize on Sports' Day, as they have abundance of practice in walking to and from the boarding house, college and hospital.

The First Year students in Medicine have begun their career with a class of ninety six.

At a recent meeting of the First Year the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. S. Kirby; Secretary, E. J. Williams, B.A.; Class-Reporter, Louis H. Morse.

"Sunset."

Wanted: To know the location of the *Reflexor Muscle*.

Prof. in Medical Jurisprudence:—"Gentlemen, you may be questioned on these subjects even before you reach the witness-box."

The members of the Third Year have shown their appreciation of last year's President, Mr. F. E. L. Johnston, and Secretary, Mr. Neil McKinnon, by re-electing them to the same offices for the present session.

The following officers have also been elected from the Third year: General Treasurer for the four years, Mr. C. C. Alexander; Class Reporter, Mr. Howard J. Chapman; Mr. Percy C. Leslie was elected Captain of the Foot Ball Team.

ARTS NOTES.

Those who went on the Geological tramp last Saturday are still busy examining the mud on their boots.

Apropos of Geology, we wonder when our trip to Lachute is coming off. "Scruffy" wants to go this Saturday, but, then, he is on the Theatre Committee.

The members of the Class of '94 are to act as ushers at the formal opening of the new Library on the 31st inst.

Lectures in Honour Mathematics to the First Year have commenced. Nine of the Class have entered upon the course.

Prof: "What is the meaning of *le mousse*?"

Student: "A little animal."

Prof: "Yes, a little two legged animal employed as apprentice-boy on board ship."

Some half-a dozen of the Juniors have been selected to assist in the singing at the opening of the New Library building. The Juniors sing with the spirit, but whether with the understanding or not is an open question.

The following account of the yacht race of Saturday the 7th inst has been handed in:—

"The veliferous vessels, *Valkyrie* and *Vigilant*, valourously vied in a vacillant voyage; but notwithstanding the vaunting of verdant viewers, the victorious *Vigilant's* valiant velocity verily vanquished the vainly watchful *Valkyrie's* vivacious vigilance, through want of ventosity (or wind); thus vindicating the valuable virtue of the centre-board."

The villainous vandal who vilely ventured to give vent to such vacant vaporings must be the vexed victim of some virulent and vitiating Voodoo.

Now that the annual field meeting of the Athletic Association, with all its accompanying duties and attractions that have kept our athletes on the campus so much of late, and allured even our book-worms out of doors to an unwonted extent, is a thing of the past as far as 1893 is concerned, we notice a tendency among the students to settle down or do some steady training for a different kind of sport in December and April.

Say, Freshmen, what's the matter with three pages of amusement during this month?

Owing to the decease of Mr. Wm. Donahue, B.A., '93, the Artsmen appointed Mr. S. G. Archibald '96 to be their second representative on the Song Book Committee.

(Erratum:—In the above read "graduation" for "decease." Doubtless the length of time we have been waiting for the appearance of that Song-Book is responsible for the error.—Ed.)

It is to be hoped that the poetic student of the First Year will reconsider his decision "to go mad or drop down dead," and still continue to vary the monotony of lectures with his selections.

An unusually large number of Seniors and Juniors are taking Dr. Robins' Lectures in Pedagogy at the Normal School. This is certainly a move in the right direction. Every student, whether he intends to become a teacher or not, would find the course in Pedagogy a very useful and instructive one.

Many of the Artsmen found time to attend some of the sessions of the Provincial Teachers' Association, which were held in the McGill Normal School last week. The addresses and discussions were very interesting and profitable to all interested in the cause of education. Those who were present will long remember with pleasure the *Conversations* on Thursday evening in the High School.

FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

Owing, as we suppose, to the pathetic nature of our studies, the German class is almost deserted. We are afraid we might find the perusal of "Hans im Glück" and similar noble monuments of German prose too affecting, and so think it best to absent ourselves from lectures. One of our number was so overcome that she could scarcely articulate a syllable, her gentle voice so shook with emotion that it was only with the utmost difficulty that we could catch its melodious tones. However, as this affecting part of the programme is drawing to a close, we expect a large reinforcement in the near future.

SATURDAY'S EXCURSION.

We did not enjoy the early start particularly, coming as it did after Sports' night, but were amply repaid for our loss of rest by the whole day's pleasure, everything at Lachute reminding us of summer: the day, the cow-bells, the flowers (one thistle), to say nothing of the lamb (?) and green peas!

We now rejoice in the knowledge of *strike* and *dip*, and can tell a *g-ciss* rock from one that is not.

To day we stood on what to geologists constitutes one of the most interesting spots in the world: the dividing line between Archean and Paleozoic periods of the earth's formation. Once more we bent our ears to listen to the story of our Planet, which the beautiful little crystals were so eager to repeat.

Their language was so new and strange, that, had it not been for the help of Dr. Adams, their wonderful tale could not have been understood by us. Even as it was, at times their utterances were so indistinct, owing to the way in which they had squeezed each other up, leaving no room for breath, that the meaning of their simultaneous cries we utterly failed to grasp.

But if you want to hear the story in all its grand simplicity, you must go to Lachute as we did, and hear it from those who can tell it best.

The following are the names of the Class Officers elected for the present session:

4th Year.	Pres.	Miss Warner.
	Vice-Pres.	" Craig.
	Sec.	" McKenzie.
	Class Rep.	" Ogilvie.
3rd Year.	Pres.	" Botterell.
	Vice-Pres.	" Wilson.
	Sec.	" Cameron.
	Class Rep.	" Hammond.
2nd Year.	Pres.	" Pitcher.
	Vice-Pres.	" Henderson.
	Sec.	" Krause.
	Class Rep.	" Smith.
1st Year.	Pres.	" Cameron.
	Sec.	" Shaw.
	Class Rep.	" Shaw.
	Reading Room Committee:	
	Pres.	Miss McKenzie
	Sec.-Treas.	Miss Travis.

1st Year Class Reporter (to editor): "Now, don't put this into the paper if you don't like it. I shan't mind in the least."

2nd C. R. (to same): "Read this over first, and make any changes you like."

(After issue of FORTNIGHTLY.)

2nd C. R.: "That conceited editor just spoiled my contributions by her attempts to improve it."

1st C. R.: "Well, she never even put in my article at all, the mean thing."

Saturday has ceased to be a holiday for the Donalds; on the contrary, it is now a *Pen-hallowday*.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

Testing Laboratory Instructor.—"What is an initial load?"

Junior.—"Six beers before going into the theatre."

The election of officers for the Freshmen year resulted as follows:—

President.—Graham Drinkwater.

Vice-President.—J. W. Bell.

Secretary.—J. Lomas.

Class Reporter.—G. Drinkwater.

"Freshies" we are called,
We number sixty and eleven.
Freshies we are content to be
And hurrah for '97!

Mr. Henri Herdt, Sc. '93, is taking a post-graduate course in chemistry. He delights the students by his affability and condescension in speaking to the "Undergrads."

"Everybody had a jag on but me." That is all very fine, but it does not account for your black eye, old man.

Who is the enterprising '95 man who takes the street car out to Pt. St. Charles to get his hair cut for 15 cents?

Inquisitive Arts man (in alarm):—"What on earth is all that awful noise about?"

Science freshie:—"Oh! that's just some of our fellows experimenting with hydrogen." (This is not a joke, but it is funny.—Ed.)

W. M. Scott, Science '94, who has had a bad attack of typhoid fever, is improving rapidly.

The Fourth year are hard at work making patterns for the air compressor. They hope to finish and test the machine before the close of the session.

Did you see that obstreperous '96 man with the three-foot horn at the theatre on Sports' night?

Science has a new Faculty banner, obtained by our indefatigable president for Sports' night.

Our Freshmen are a fine class this year, large in numbers, liberal with their money, and far above the average in athletics.

OLLA PODRIDA.

The work of a reviewer is usually a very pleasant one.—to himself, at all events, if not to the reviewed. For sometimes, like the surgeon's knife, he must make a keen wound in order to heal. Too often above the critic's door might be written: "All ye who enter here leave hope behind." The critic should have a wide sympathy and a comprehensive gaze. He must have the poet's eye, "in a fine frenzy rolling," and rise on the wings of imagination to lofty altitudes, far above the ken of the poor earth-grubbers beneath. He must, again, at times descend to the lower realms of prose. With all this he should have the taste of a virtuoso, a keen discrimination, an innate sense of the fitness of things.

Critics are not always appreciated, however. Frequently positions are reversed, and they become the criticized,—not always undeservedly either.

Jerome (not the Saint, but a more modern personage of histrionic and literary fame) handles them pretty freely:

"When a new book is written, the high class critic opens it with feelings of faint hope, tempered by strong conviction of coming disappointment. As he pores over the pages, his brow darkens with virtuous indignation, and his lip curls with the godlike contempt that the exceptionally great critic ever feels for everybody in this world who is not yet dead.

Buoyed up by a touching but totally fallacious belief that he is performing a public duty, and that the rest of the community is waiting in breathless suspense to learn his opinion of the work in question before forming any judgment concerning it themselves, he nevertheless wearily struggles through about a third of it. Then his long-suffering soul revolts, and he flings it aside with a cry of despair."

To be a good reviewer is not difficult, strange as it may seem. To the "pollo" the editorial voice usually speaks in Sibylline accents "Procul, O, procul este profani." Let us draw the veil aside a little, a very little. The *modus operandi* is much as follows: The first requisite is a comfortable chair,—not too easy, however, in case the occupant should chance to doze, and the manuscript suffer in consequence, nor too hard, lest the annoyance should be vented on the devoted head of the poor contributor. Then some sheets of paper of the kind commonly designated "fool'scap." A pot of paste, warranted not to sour, and a large pair of shears (preferably of Sheffield manufacture). This completes the outfit. Ideas are a secondary consideration; other people supply *them*. That is the beauty of the arrangement. To use the words of Montaigne: "I have gathered me a posie of other men's flowers, and nothing but the thread that binds them is mine own."

So it is our purpose to gather the flowers,—the "Macaulay-flowers,"—as Oliver Wendell Holmes wittily called them, from our neighbours' gardens, and combine them into a sort of literary nosegay, the scent of which will be grateful to the mental olfactory organs of our eager readers.

Most of us remember the rhyme we used to repeat at that period of our existence when our garb chiefly consisted of pink legs and pinafores:

"How doth the little busy bee
Delight to bark and late,
And gather honey all the day,
To eat it up at night."

Like that little bee, I flit from flower to flower, sipping the sweets thereof; unlike the bee, not hoarding them for my own private delectation, but enshrining them in these pages for the benefit of posterity and a grateful country.

Do you know the meaning of the words "Olla

Podrida" prefixed to these pages? Well! I'll tell you. It is a kind of soup, or stew, generally supposed to be peculiarly captivating to the Spanish palate, and like Scotch kail having "intilt" nearly everything of a vegetable nature known to Botany. In other words, it is a hotch-potch, a farrago, a medley; so, to adapt the line of Juvenal:—

"Quicquid agunt scriptores nostri farrago libelli."

I am afraid this line won't scan, but I can't help it.

To translate it freely for our un-Latin readers, it means "Whatever concerns writers is the hotch potch of our modest pages." With little rhyme or reason, their only purpose is to entertain. It is not quite so easy to amuse others as it might seem to the casual observer. The professional joker is often the most doleful of men. It reminds me of a story I once read. The scene is laid in London in the days when the famous comedian Jos. Grimaldi was the cynosure of all eyes. One morning a man entered the office of a distinguished physician. He seemed a physical wreck. His face was sallow and seamed with care, his hair unkempt, and a profound melancholy pervading his whole being. After hearing his story, the doctor said: "Pooh, pooh, there is nothing the matter with you. All you want is to be brought out of yourself. You need to be amused. Get a good laugh and you'll soon be better. Why not go and see Grimaldi?"

"Alas, Doctor," replied the visitor, "I am Grimaldi."

Such is fame.

In turning over the leaves of a stray copy of the *Cambridge Review*, I came upon the following, which I quote for the benefit of those susceptible individuals who are animated by that tender passion which in Pickwickian language might be termed, "one of the finest feelings of our imperfect natures":

TO A TORN FRAGMENT OF MUSLIN FOUND IN MY
POCKET THE DAY AFTER A DANCE:—

Dim souvenir of past delight,
Why do I tender thee and cherish,
What sweet remembrance of last night
Was I unwilling to let perish?

Perished it is. I cannot think
How thou within my pocket camest,
Poor muslin rag of tender pink,
That such a world of thought enframest.

Didst thou belong to her whose eye,
Half seen above the saucy fan,
Shot flames of subtle sorcery
Beneath the lanterns of Japan?

Or wast thou her,—be still, my heart!—
Beneath whose dainty mastication
Crawls, lobster, salmon, duck and tart
Endured immortal immolation?

Or fellst thou haply on the ground
For some dress—whose?—while shifting phases
Of waltz or polka swept around,
Their bright kaleidoscopic mazes?

What did *she* wear—my soul's delight,
The nymph I wrote my last two hymns on?
Lilac, I think; or was it white?
Crushed strawberry? or green? or crimson?

I don't remember colors well,
And at this moment I've no notion
From whom the puzzling relic fell,
Which I preserved with such devotion.

To keep it always did I vow?
Or was my meaning to return it?
I've really quite forgotten now:
And so,—perhaps I'd better burn it.

The first number of *The Mitre*, a new venture on the part of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, has come before our notice. In the introductory remarks I read, "While the primary object of this and every college magazine is to promote the interests of our University by creating a spirit of unity and fellow-feeling between the various members of our collegiate body, we have other aims in view. We wish to make *The Mitre* a link which shall serve to keep ever fresh in the heart of every graduate of Bishop's College, and of every Old Boy of Bishop's College School, the memories of the days spent within her halls."

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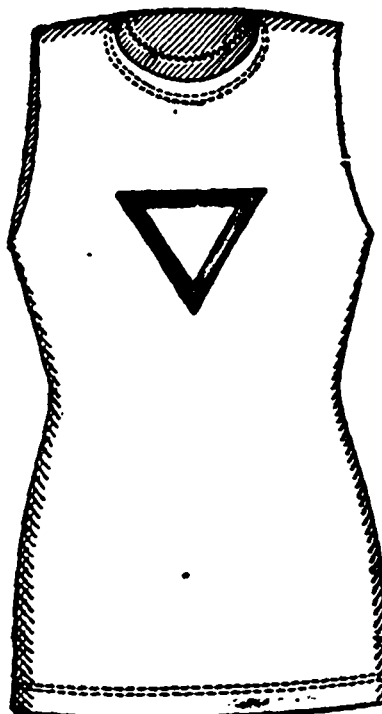
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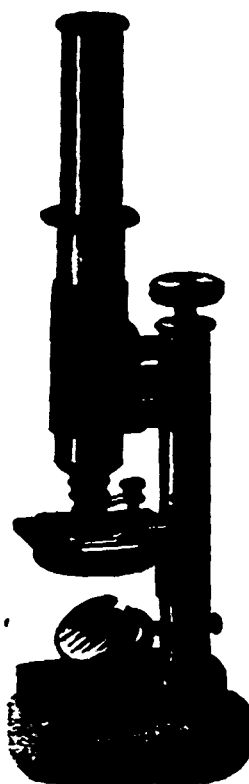
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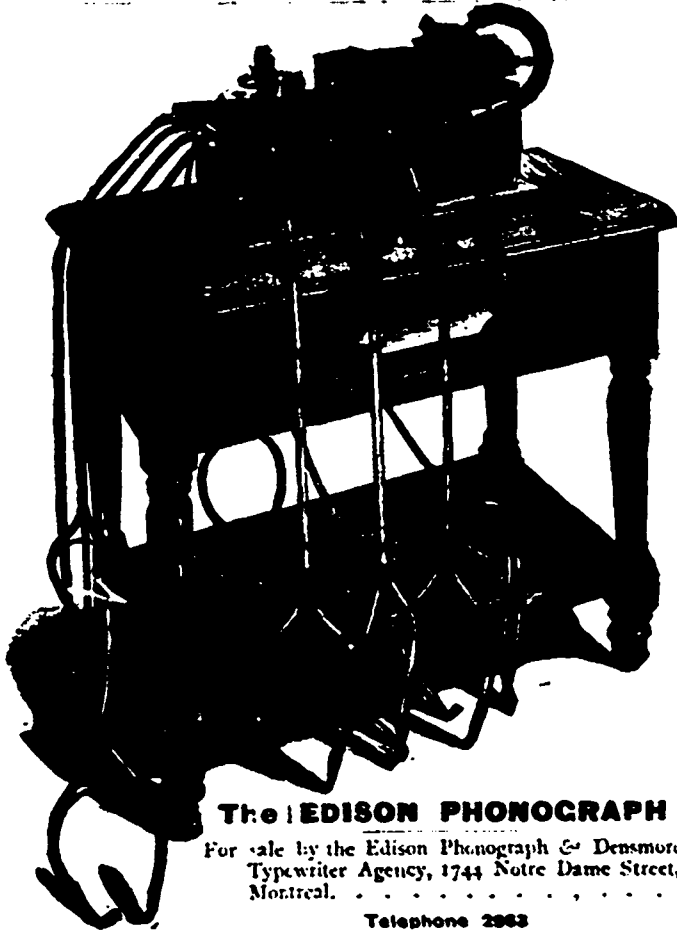
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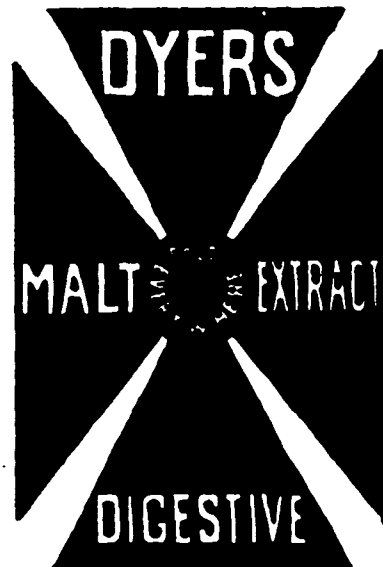
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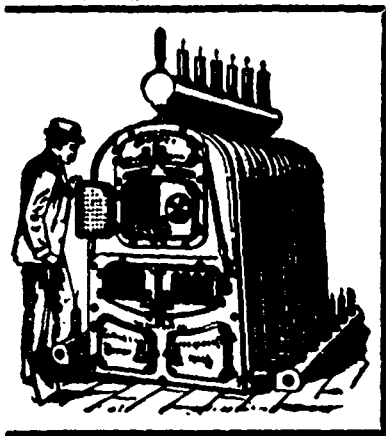
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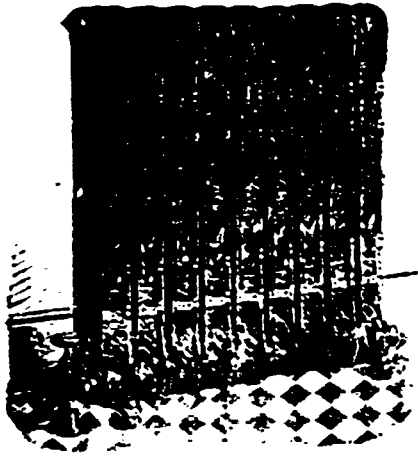
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